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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 1779

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PEREIRA: "CAPE VERDE IS NON-
ALIGNED"

1. MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH CONVOKED ME
SEPTEMBER 2 TO CONVEY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ARISTIDES
PEREIRA OF THE REPUBLIC CAPE VERDE ISLANDS TO USG. PRESI-
DENT PEREIRA STOPPED OVER IN NOUAKCHOTT FOR TWO HOURS PRIVATE
VISIT ON ROUTE HOME FROM ALGIERS AUGUST 31.

2. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH REPORTED THAT DURING WIDE-RANGING
DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL AND AFRICAN AFFAIRS, PRESIDENT
PEREIRA OBSERVED THAT A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INCLUDING ES-
PECIALLY THE UNITED STATES APPEAR TO BELIEVE THAT THE
REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE ISLANDS IS ALLIED TO CERTAIN SPECIFIC
STATES OR FORMS PAZ OF A PARTICULAR BLOC OR INTERNATIONAL
GROUPING. PEREIRA INSISTED TO OULD DADDAH THAT SUCH WAS
NOT RPT NOT THE CASE, THAT RCVI IS NOT ALIGNED WITH OR
ALLIED TO ANY GROUP OR STATE. HE NOTED THAT OPAIGC HAD
ACCEPTED HELP DURING INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE FROM ALL WHO
OFFERED IT, BUT DECLARED PRESENT STANCE AND RELATIONSHIPS
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OF RCVI ARE NOT STRUCTURED OR DETERMINED BY THAT PREVIOUS

ASSISTANCE.

3. AFTER TRANSMITTING PEREIRA'S MESSAGE OF NON-ALIGNMENT, OULD DADDAH OBSERVED THAT HE WAS NOT ENTIRELY CERTAIN WHETHER PEREIRA WAS SPEAKING SOLELY AS PRESIDENT RCVI OR ALSO AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF PAIGC. HE WAS THEREFORE UNCERTAIN WHETHER PEREIRA BELIEVED MISCONCEPTIONS OF OTHERS APPLIED ONLY TO RCVI OR TO GUINEA-BISSAU AS WELL. OULD DADDAH THEN OBSERVED THAT AFFAIRS OF TWO STATES AND OF PARTY WERE SO INTERTWINED THAT IT MADE LITTLE DIFFERENCE FR. PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW WHETHER PEREIRA WAS SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT, AS PARTY CHIEF, OR AS BOTH.

4. BECAUSE OF SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RCVI AND MAURITANIA ANEASLPERSONALLEVEL BETWEEN PEREIRA AND OULD DADDAH, PEREIRA MADE SPECIAL POINT OF REQUESTING LATTER TO TAKE ON TASK OF TRANSMITTING MESSAGE TO USG. OULD DADDAH IMMEDIATELY AGREED, NOTING PRESENCE OF RESIDENT U.S. AMBASSADOR IN NOUAKCHOTT MADE IT SIMPLE TASK.

5. IN RESPONSE, I THANKED PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH FOR CONVEYING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PEREIRA, AND ASSURED HIM THAT IT WOULD BE PROMPTLY DESPATCHED TO WASHINGTON. I THEN OBSERVED THAT I WAS SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY CAPE VERDE CHIEF'S IMPRESSION OF U.S. ATTITUDE. NOTING THWRE MAY POSSIBLE BE SOME MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT RCVI'S POLITICAL STANCE AMONG GENERAL PUBLIC IN US, USG ATTITUDE SEEMED CLEAR: PRESIDENT FORD HAD SENT SPECIAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT PEREIRA AT TIME OF INDEPENDENCE, AND, AS PRESIDENT WOULD RECALL, REPRESENTATIVES DIGGS AND COLLINS HAD VISITED NOUAKCHOTT IMMEDIATELY AFTER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN CAPE VERDE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS.HANDYSIDE

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